
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Executive Order No. 65 (2013)

Sharing of Criminal History Record Information for Determining Eligibility for Automatic Restoration of Rights Process

Importance of the Issue

On May 29, 2013, I announced my intent to create a procedure for automatic, individualized restoration of civil rights to non-violent felons who meet the following specific conditions: 1) completion of their sentence, probation or parole; 2) payment of all court costs, fines, restitution, and completion of court-ordered conditions, and 3) have no pending felony charges. This process will allow more Virginians who have been convicted of a non-violent felony to reintegrate into society and exercise their constitutional and civil rights.

In order to determine that individuals meet the necessary criteria for this automatic restoration of rights, it is necessary to review the individual's criminal history. This information will be used for the sole purpose of determining eligibility for automatic restoration of rights based on the individual's criminal conduct.

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority vested in me under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, including but not limited to § 19.2-389 of the *Code of Virginia*, I hereby direct that the Virginia State Police and Department of Corrections share criminal history record information with the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, as required, for the limited purpose of determining eligibility for automatic restoration of rights and rehabilitation.

The information shared with the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall not be used for any other purpose. The Secretary shall ensure that the information is secured and protected from further dissemination.

Effective Date of the Executive Order

This Executive Order shall become effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this the 15th day of July, 2013.

/s/ Robert F. McDonnell, Governor

Attest:

/s/ Secretary of the Commonwealth